



If a medieval printer failed to extinguish his working candle when he left for the night, he was liable for a fine imposed by the head of the chapel.

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Convict Labor Competition End Pledged

Assurance that the use of convict labor in competition with free labor on construction jobs by the State of California will be eliminated was given by Governor Warren to building trades union officials at a conference in Sacramento recently.

Frank A. Lawrence, president of the State Building Trades Council, and Lee Lalor, Council secretary, and other representatives were told by the governor that the State does not wish to compete with unions and that steps would be taken to use only free labor on new construction and on maintenance work usually done by union members on highways and prisons.

Lawrence and others agreed to support a program for added funds for prisons so that contract work would be possible. It was pointed out also that the unions have cooperated with prison officials by placing parolees on construction jobs wherever possible.

Attending from this area were Carl Lara, secretary of Salinas Painters Union 1104; Harry Foster, secretary of the Monterey County Building Trades Council; Dan McDonald, secretary of the California Pipe Trades Council; Joe Cambiano, president of the State Council of Carpenters, and others.

In Union Circles

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secretary of Carpenters 1323 at Monterey, is enjoying her prolonged tour and visit with friends in the East, according to word received here. She is due back October 11.

During the vacation of Louise Raines, Teamsters 890 office secretary at Monterey, Millie Attili, office secretary for the union in Salinas, is taking care of chores at the Monterey office, commuting daily from her home in Salinas.

During absence of Mary Roberts, office secretary for Culinary-Bartenders 483 who leaves Sunday on an extended trip to Kansas, office details will be handled by Union Secretary George L. Rice. If a man's voice answers—DON'T hang up.

Bernice Redlin, office secretary in Salinas for Teamsters 890, is going to night school—taking psychology! Members of the union will face psychological handling of problems from her henceforth. She is also taking a course in business letter writing, maybe to apply the psychology to others, too.

Another "student" these days is Mildred Putman, office secretary for Culinary 467. She is studying shorthand and spends her leisure time making supposedly meaningful scratches on a pad of paper; "just practicing," she says.

Our hat is off to Al Everly—he knows a good sleep and where he finds it. Everly arose in the wee (and dark) hours of the morning one day last week to check a job. Later he caught a short nap in his office, thoughtfully leaving the door open in case someone wanted him. Only thing—he was awfully hard to wake up, we hear.

Building Code Hearing Oct. 3

Final hearing on a uniform building code for Monterey County has been scheduled for Monday, October 3, before the County Board of Supervisors, it was announced last week.

The Monterey County Building Trades Council and local unions in Monterey and Salinas are vitally concerned with the code and have sent letters to supervisors urging its adoption, according to Fred Miller, business agent of the Council.

Miller said regulations are necessary in building in rural areas for protection against fire and for health safety. As a former fire commissioner at Seaside, he said, he knew from first-hand information how lack of adequate code restrictions allows the construction of "firetraps" which often house whole families. Some deaths have been recorded in the county from improper vents on gas appliances, also.

Carpenters 925 Keeping Busy On Big Projects

Members of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas are finding good employment on the two major projects in the area, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company steam plant at Moss Landing and the new state prison at Soledad.

Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Local 925 reports that 44 carpenters have been sent to the prison project but that delay in arrival of steel has halted further hiring of carpenters temporarily.

At the Moss Landing project, there are some 240 carpenters now and despite some turnover in men the employment is continuing at about this level, he added.

Three local men have been named as foremen on the prison project, Baldwin said. Frequently outside contractors bring all outside men as foremen, but Fred Burrows, George Roberts and Stanley Rabedew, all of Local 925, are holding foreman jobs at Soledad, he stated.

School Project To Start; Road Work Progresses

Start of the new Prunedale Elementary School, of which E. A. Hathaway of San Jose is general contractor, is expected this week, according to J. B. McGinley of Salinas Laborers Union 272.

McGinley said clearing of the site was to get under way and that heavy equipment has been brought to the site by the contractor. Call for laborers is expected during the week.

The John Street re-paving project, under contractor Johnson of Fresno, is being pushed ahead of schedule with continued good weather, good workers and the decision to close completely the street by re-routing through traffic until paving is finished, McGinley said.

Eight laborers are busy on the street project. Curbs and gutters are in and new sidewalks are being laid. Progress on Abbott Street also is steady.

Completion of the concrete batch plant for Granite Construction Co. at site of the new state prison at Soledad is expected in time to start pouring of concrete in large quantities by the end of this week, he added. There are some 35 union laborers on this project, McGinley said.

Sardine Run Continuing

All sardine processing plants in Monterey are running at full capacity in the best sardine season of nearly a decade as the heavy run of sardines near Monterey continues, union officials report.

Cannery Workers Union officers, too, are keeping the cannery machines manned during the current rush to find time even for the coming election (October 6), said that employment now is best since 1945 and that the season looks like a record one if fishing continues.

Faith in the union leaders was shown by the members, who nominated all key officers without opposition for re-election.

Some mackerel are being brought in for a few plants, also, it was said.

Laborite Hits Seaside Sewer Election Plan

Opposition to the formation of a sanitary district in Seaside has been expressed by Lester Caveny, business agent of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union. Election on formation of the district is set tentatively for October 18.

Caveny, resident of Seaside, and others favor sanitation program handled directly under the County Board of Supervisors, rather than creation of a local governing board independent of the supervisors, as is the plan up for election, it was reported.

Salinas Culinary Boosts Initiation

Initiation fees for new members of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas have been increased, as of September 1, it was disclosed this week.

The new schedule of initiation fees is: Cooks, \$35; waitresses and waiters, \$20, and miscellaneous workers, \$15.

110,000 Get Raises in Cal.

(State Fed. Release) Through collective bargaining negotiations, some 110,000 AFL workers throughout the state this July won wage increases and other benefits averaging five cents an hour.

This estimate is based on the items listed below, culled from local union newspapers published during July.

BUILDING TRADES

Carpenters, 42 counties outside the Bay Area in northern California, and the Associated General Contractors: 5 cents; effective July 15, 1949; 21,000 workers.

Teamsters (building material drivers), 46 northern counties, and the AGC: 5 cents; effective July 15, 1949; 35,000 workers.

Cement Finishers, 46 northern California counties: 5 cents; effective July 15, 1949; 2,000 workers.

Plasterers No. 66, San Francisco, and Master Plasterers Association: \$1.50 a day; effective Jan. 1, 1950; about 100 workers.

TEAMSTERS

Sales Drivers No. 683 (Bakery) and San Diego bakers: \$3 per week for drivers and 10 cents for hour-paid employees; July 1949; 100 or more workers.

Sales Drivers No. 683 (Beer) and 12 plants covered by San Diego Beer Distributors' Association: \$3 per week; retroactive to April 1, 1949; 75 workers.

Teamsters No. 624, San Rafael, and milk plants and distributors: improved days off clause; July 1949; about 100 workers.

Teamsters No. 624, San Rafael, and rock, sand and gravel contractors: 5 cents; July 1949; about 100 workers.

CLERKS

Four Retail Clerks' locals in southern California and Thrifty Drug Stores: improved holiday pay and reduction in workweek from 44 to 40 hours for pharmacists; July 1949.

Master Furniture Guild No. 1285, San Francisco, and 12 furniture stores: \$9.50 to \$18.50 per month; July 1949; about 150 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1442, Santa Monica and Employers' Labor Relations Council: improved holiday pay; retroactive to Jan. 1, 1949; about 300 workers.

CULINARY

Los Angeles Culinary Workers, six locals, and 110 leading restaurants and 14 major hotels in L. A.: 75 cents a day; effective July 15, 1949; 7,000 workers covered immediately, and another 13,000 will be affected by this "key" settlement.

MISCELLANEOUS

Street Carmen No. 192, Oakland, and Key System: 8-cent increase and reduction in hours from 48 to 40; July 1949; 2,000 workers.

Office Employees No. 29, Oakland, and Alameda County Milk: Dealers Association: 5 cents; retroactive to June 1, 1949; 180 workers.

Bakers No. 119, Oakland, and retail bakeries: 7 cents, retroactive to March 4, and 2 cents effective Dec. 1, 1949; 300 workers.

Motion Picture Operators No. 599, Fresno, and 8 theaters: 10 to 20 cents, liberalized vacations; July 1949; about 40 workers.

1,500 Calif. Union Agreements on File

During the first six months of this year 983 labor-management agreements were received by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research. In addition, on 105 contracts already on file, notification was received that the expiration of the contract had been advanced to a new date, i.e., the contract had been extended with only minor or no changes.

The Division now has on file over 8,000 California union contracts, of which approximately 1,500 are currently in effect. Some agreements on file date back more than 10 years.

Carson Nomination Approved by Senate

Washington.—The Senate confirmed by 45 to 25 President Truman's nomination of John Carson, of Michigan, to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Republicans bucked the nomination because of Mr. Carson's sympathetic views toward cooperatives and public power projects. He was backed by the American Federation of Labor and other labor groups.

MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

SALINAS, CALIF., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1949



New Jersey prohibits the delivery of milk before 6:30 a.m. The law is the result of the Teamsters Union's efforts to effect more normal family routines for milk drivers.

WHOLE NO. 573

5,000 Cabbies Track Murderer

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—Five thousand members of the Chicago Taxi Drivers Union, Local 777 of the Teamsters' International (AFL), have been enlisted by the city police department to help solve the murder of one of their number, shot to death by a passenger.

The murdered driver, Stanley Stock, Jr., a boy of 21, was shot four times about 8 p.m. on the dark, misty night of September 12 by a man who had asked to be taken to the shooting scene, the intersection of two residential streets on Chicago's Far West Side.

A \$2,500 reward was offered by the union for information leading to the murderer. Another \$2,500 was offered by Stock's employer, the Yellow Cab Company, and a Chicago newspaper, the Sun-Times, offered \$5,000 for anyone who solves the crime through the newspaper's secret witness plan, a tip-mail formula which protects the anonymity of the informant.

Stock lived four hours after the shooting, during which he gave police a complete description of the killer. Another witness was within 150 feet of the gunman as he fled on foot to an alley and disappeared.

GET DESCRIPTION

From the descriptions given by Stock and the other witness, a police artist drew a likeness of the criminal, and copies are being furnished to every union cab driver in the city. There are other clues, including a fingerprint found on the doorknob of the cab. Because taxicab robbers usually are repeat offenders, Chicago detectives believe that there is a good chance the slayer will be caught.

Arrangements for distribution of the killer's likeness were made in a conference of police Captain Andrew Aitken, chief of detectives, with five Local 777 leaders; George Marcie, secretary-treasurer; Robert Markov, recording secretary; Oscar Kofkin, vice-president; and James Connors and William Pritkin, business agents.

In addition to offering the reward, the union made an outright gift of \$500 to the Stock family for funeral expenses. The young man was single, and carried no insurance. Marcie said the union's entire membership would cooperate with police to the limit of their ability.

PREY OF CRIMINALS

Because of the nature of their work, the late hours, the calls to every neighborhood, and the cash transactions, taxi drivers are a steady prey of the criminal element. Holdups are regular and beatings are frequent, but murder is rare.

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COMING SPECIAL ELECTION

November 8th is the day a special election will be held in the State of California for the purpose of letting the voters of this state vote yes or no on certain measures. Only those people who were registered by September 15th will be eligible to vote.

What every voter should do is to inform himself as fully as possible in regard to the measures that are to be voted on. The best way to do this is to get your official copies of the measures to be voted on and read them over carefully yourself. Then read the arguments for and against each proposal, so that when you form your own conclusion it is based on something more substantial than somebody else's say-so or some glamor picture constructed with words to influence you to vote one way or the other.

After making a careful study of the various measures a special committee of the California State Federation of Labor made a recommendation to the recent state convention, which was approved, that all union men be urged to vote "Yes" on Proposition 1, which provides for funds to build or enlarge many badly needed school houses throughout our own state, and to vote "Yes" on Proposition No. 3, which would increase the present shamefully low salaries of our California lawmakers. A "No" vote on Proposition No. 2, which would repeal our present pension law in this state and restore the old law, which was discarded by our voters at the last election, was recommended.

WHEN CONGRESS DOES ITS DUTY

One of the exceedingly important powers entrusted to our Congress is that of "coining all money and fixing the value thereof."

Unfortunately this power has been both sadly misused and woefully neglected by the 81 Congresses that have been in control two years each, during the 162 years our nation has had an independent existence. Some of these Congresses have been much worse than others, but none of them have ever taken the complete control of the money that our Constitution intended.

Instead of Congress doing its duty during our entire history, as far as issuance of money is concerned, private banking interests have been permitted to manipulate the money situation pretty much to suit the wealthiest financiers, not only of our own country, but of the international bankers who pretty much dominate the entire financial world on this earth.

This banker control of our money has been the chief cause of successive panics and depressions, that have flattened out our country and impoverished the majority of our people approximately every 20 years. Sometimes depressions hit sooner than this and occasionally they have been deferred a little, but invariably they came.

It is now high time that our Congress proceeded to do its duty in the matter of issuing our money and determining the value thereof in such a way that the majority of our people will be benefited thereby instead of having our money jugged so as to enrich the bankers at the expense of the masses of our people.

CHANGE IN LAWMAKERS NEEDED

It should be plain as daylight to any clear-headed citizen that a thorough revision of our lawmakers in both our state and nation is one of the pressing needs of our day. Chiefly due to our neglect and indifference we have permitted a lot of the wrong kind of people to be elected to make both our national and our state laws. Today we are reaping the fruit of our own folly and the sooner we get busy on the job of replacing a lot of the bad eggs now holding seats in Congress and our State Legislature the sooner will we have created a foundation from which better legislation can be reasonably expected.

What is needed in 1950 is a tremendous housecleaning, both in our national Congress and our State Legislature. To bring this about every citizen, who has a vote to cast, should be thinking right now about how he is to use that vote in 1950. The first and most important election of lawmakers will be the primary, when candidates are named for the general election that follows. By neglecting the primaries California voters have in the past frequently helped the politicians to name bad candidates for both of the leading parties, thus providing no one else to vote for when election day came.

In order to really get a change in our present-day lawmakers in districts that now are represented by bad ones every voter should do his stuff in the primary in order that we all may have something else than a good-for-nothing to vote for on election day.

A country's greatness is not determined by how rich a few of its inhabitants may become but by how high the average standard of its people measures up.

Civilizations don't stand on their own legs. Human beings must maintain them. When too many people fall down on the upkeep job, then the civilization dies.

Bits Of Humor

Reno is where the cream of society goes through the separator.

"Girls," said one of the P.T.A. members, "you may think your husbands are helpless, but you should see mine. Why he is so helpless that when he sews a button on his coat or darns his socks, I have to thread the needle for him."

She made a right-hand turn from a left-hand lane and promptly hit another auto. The driver got out and accosted her:

"Lady, why didn't you signal?"
"Because I always turn here."

Think wrongly, if you please; but in all cases think for yourself.

Lessing.

Wives who complain about having to go through so much never mention trouser pockets.

The altar is where she stops making over him and starts making him over.

"You say this woman shot her husband with this pistol and at close range?" asked the coroner of the eye witness to the tragedy.

"Yessuh."

"Are there powder marks on his body?"

"Yessuh. Dass why she shot him."

A dapper little man applied for a separation on the ground of cruelty.

Asked by the judge if he could prove his case, he replied meekly:

"One night I dreamed I won \$100,000, and the following morning my wife nearly killed me for not putting it in the bank before I woke up."

One night Joe came home with lipstick on his collar. "Where did you get that?" demanded the little woman; "from my maid?"

"No," Joe replied.

"From my governess?" she snapped.

"No," repeated Joe, adding indignantly: "Don't you think I have my own friends?"

It has been definitely decided that there is no life on Mars. The U.S. has received no request for a loan.

Four-year-old Don seemed afraid of the collie next door, but one day, in spirit of adventure, he climbed the fence and went over to see the animal. The dog, with tail wagging, rushed to Don and, by way of a friendly greeting, licked his face. Don screamed and the neighbor came running out.

"Did he bite you, my boy?"

"No," answered Don. "But he tasted me."

Five-year-old Sue was "helping" her daddy at his work bench in the basement. Finally he tired of her incessant chatter and questions, and he asked her to be quiet for a little while.

"I don't have to be quiet," Sue stated importantly. "I'm a woman."

A Wisconsin woman was granted a divorce because her husband painted a moustache on her wedding photograph. And, a woman in Pittsburgh sued for divorce because her husband went to bed with his son when meals didn't suit him.

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was hauling her husband over the coals for having made a fool of himself when some people called. He sat in dejected silence.

"And don't sit there," she shouted, "making fists at me in your pockets, either."

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\$37,441 in Back Wages To Go To 517 Workers

New York.—A total of 109 employers in New York State agreed to pay back wages in the amount of \$37,441 to 517 employees as a result of investigations made under federal wage and hour laws during August, 1949, it was announced here by Arthur J. White, regional director of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

The payments were restitution for failure to comply with the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Wage and Hour law, which apply to employees engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce, and the Public Contracts Act, which applies to government contracts for more than \$10,000.

Some 1,750 daily newspapers and 1,900 commercial radio stations are serviced by wire by the various press associations of the United States.



SAYS BUSINESS HAS HUGE SLUSH FUND.—National Director Joseph D. Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education, speaking before AFL members in Newark, N. J., warns that monied interests are raising a half-billion-dollar slush fund to save the political skins of labor enemies like Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), co-author of the infamous T-H Act.

If Sickness Hits, It's Tough

Four out of every five breadwinners in the United States are wage-earners, completely dependent upon the pay envelope. Few have much in the way of savings to cushion any emergencies. When sickness strikes, the worker's family often finds itself in serious trouble.

Illness cannot be predicted, medical bills cannot be anticipated by the individual. The most carefully planned family budget is upset, or else the needed medical care is not obtained.

Most workers have not yet found a decent method of protecting themselves against the threat of medical costs. Voluntary prepayment health plans, such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, offer too little service for too much money and are available only to special groups of workers. Public medical services are inadequate and are usually given under degrading circumstances.

A GOOD MARKET

Bitter opposition by rich, organized medicine, drug firms, insurance companies, and assorted reactionaries has so far prevented the establishment of a national health insurance program—under which all families could enjoy the protection of needed medical care.

As prices stay up and as the numbers of unemployed steadily increase, this basic problem of medical economics grows more serious. Faced with this daily problem, organized labor has become more and more active in establishing medical plans of its own.

For some unions, this has meant abandoning the fight on the most important health issue—the passage of the national health insurance bill. Other unions, while keeping up the demand for a national health program, have decided to seek the best health protection possible while the fight in Congress goes on.

ENTERS BARGAINING

Thus, a new aspect has appeared in many labor-management negotiations—the demand for health and welfare benefits. Encouraged by the wage freeze during the war, unions are more and more often demanding that employers contrib-

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Urge Price Cut On Gasoline

Washington.—Senator Burnet R. Maybank, Democrat of South Carolina, said the petroleum industry "should lower gasoline prices" instead of increasing fuel and heating oil prices, as it did recently.

He said he had instructed the staff of the Senate Banking Committee, of which he is chairman, to investigate the fuel and heating oil increases.

Mr. Maybank said the price increase was being justified on the ground that the "spread" between gasoline and oil prices must be narrowed if refiners are to be "encouraged" to produce more heating oil for the winter season.

"There are two ways of correcting this spread," he said. He described them as:

"The oil industry's way—raise the price of low-end products and heating oils, or—

"The patriotic way—lower the price of the more expensive product, gasoline."

Recalling testimony last spring of an oil company official who said profits slipped because a mild winter forced down fuel oil prices, but that gasoline prices were raised because the market was firm, Mr. Maybank said:

"In other words, they charged what the traffic would bear."

Mr. Maybank said current estimates of oil industry profits indicated they would be "considerably" higher this year than for 1947, which was second only to 1948 in the industry's history.

News For Women

Apples—With the commercial apple crop estimated at 128 million bushels, 45 per cent larger than last year, the consumer will find abundant supplies of his favorite varieties of apples. Harvesting of this bounty will be at its peak in many areas in October, thus assuring consumers plentiful supplies of top quality apples at reasonable prices this month. The apple crop has a big proportion of large size apples, and the quality is unusually good. Wholesale prices are considerably below levels at this time last year.

In selecting apples look for firm fruit of good color for the variety selected.

Grapes—The 1949 grape crop is estimated at 3,050,900 tons, the second largest crop in history. Supplies of all types of table grapes are outstandingly plentiful, as well as the raisin and wine varieties.

The principal market varieties of table grapes, in October, are Tokay and Emperor from California, and Concord from Washington.

With a large crop, consumers

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be assured of finding ample supplies of good quality grapes—grapes that are mature and with a general appearance of freshness. Mature grapes are usually plump. High color for the variety usually indicates well-developed sugar content and flavor. For eating out of hand, for preserves, even for a pie, grapes are a delicious fruit.

Pears—The indicated 1949 pear crop of 34 million bushels is only 3 per cent below the record high production in 1947. Heaviest pear production is in California, Oregon and Washington. The Bartlett is the principal variety available in October, but fall and winter varieties will begin to reach the market during the course taken by British domestic policy.

Prunes, Dates, Raisins—Abundant supplies of dried prunes, dates and raisins from the new pack will be available in retail stores on October. Try these in an upside-down cake as well as in other and perhaps more familiar ways.

Cabbage—Cabbage on Western markets in October comes principally from producing areas in Washington and Colorado. While estimated to be below 1948 production, and below the 1938-47 average, cabbage supplies are heavy during the harvesting season in October and fall and winter varieties will begin to reach the market during the month.

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Pit Us Against British Wkrs.

When Britain's economic czar, Sir Stafford Cripps, announced the devaluation of the pound to his country's workers, he confessed that this meant higher prices without higher wages. He tried to allay their anxiety, however, by pledging that social security, state-paid medical care, and other reforms for which they

other things Britain needs are willing to take her machines in exchange. Due to the "cold war," however, Britain's rulers are afraid to strengthen those countries even by mutually fair peace trade, and the U.S. absolutely forbids it. So Britain attempts the impossible—to pay for food and other necessities from dollar countries, which do not want her industrial goods because they make enough themselves.

SALINAS--HOME OF CALIFORNIA RODEO!

Vacation Pay Awarded 2,000 Under Arbitration

Atlanta.—All laid-off employees of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company at Rockmart, Ga., and Decatur, Ala., are entitled to vacations with pay under the ruling of Whitley P. McCoy, impartial umpire. It is estimated that these vacation payments will approximate \$100,000.

During May nearly 2,000 workers were laid off at the Goodyear plants. When the company refused to pay vacations the AFL's United Textile Workers of America filed grievances under the contract, asking for such vacation pay.

The UTWA-AFL, through its southern director, Joseph Jacobs, contended that vacations were moneys earned and the employees could not be deprived of them under the agreement, regardless of the layoff.

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We ask that you sign a pledge card at the office of the union so that the necessary arrangements can be made prior to the time when the Mobile Units are here in Salinas. It is expected that the Mobile Unit will be in Salinas the first Monday of each month. The following members have already signed cards at the office of the union:

Mildred Attnip, Peter A. Andrade, Jessie Allred, Andrew Ausonio, Sylvie Bernardas, Ector Bettancourt, Ray Burditt, Alan Clark.

Earl Estes, Harold Eburry, Paul Hale, Wayne Humphrey, Joseph Henson, William Kenyon, James Lathan, Henry Parma.

Bernie Redlin, Juan Reyes, Frederick Spence, Floyd Smith, Curtis Taylor, Glen Wilkerson, Baxter Wilson.

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Blood and medicines made from blood already are working as a jack-of-all-trades. If, on a single day, you looked in upon the hospitals in one large city, here is what you might see: A surgeon, in a brain operation, packs a soft, white, spongy mass into the wound. It quickly stops the bleeding, and he leaves it there. The patient's body will later digest and absorb it, for this sponge — fibrin foam — is made from human blood. Nearing the end of the operation, he covers the exposed brain with a transparent plastic film that looks like cellophane. This strange plastic, made from blood, will stay safely until the body manufactures a new covering.

In the accident ward, a quick injection of a clear liquid human serum albumin, made from blood, saves a man dying from shock.

In the delivery room, an anemic new-born baby is being given a complete new blood supply to halt a possible fatal battle caused by Rh antibodies in his veins.

Over in the children's ward, two youngsters with rheumatic fever receive injections, made from blood, to save them from a serious bout of measles. A boy with hemophilia, the bleeding disease, comes in for a dose of still another blood product. This boy, who could die from prolonged bleeding from a simple scratch, will soon have a perfectly safe operation to remove diseased teeth.

In a ward bed, an elderly man gets the first of a series of blood transfusions. Within two days, he will receive 12 pints of blood — about as much as you have in your body. This tremendous amount will pull him through a dangerous operation. Ten years ago this man might have died for lack of blood. Only ten years ago, all these jobs for blood were only the threshold of discovery or use. We are a long time merely in reaching this threshold. (This was written by Alton L. Blakeslee, science writer for the Associated Press.)

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THE SHOP CARD

DO NOT FORGET TO PATRONIZE all places displaying our Union Shop Card. We again urge you to patronize only the following cab companies in Salinas and Monterey: Black & White, Salinas 5565; Checker and Yellow, Salinas 7337; and Packard, Salinas 8001. In the Monterey area, call Checker Cab, Monterey Taxi or Rusty's Cab and Limousine Service.

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PAY YOUR DUES ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH and stay in good standing so that you will be eligible for any benefits.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INSURANCE POLICY? If not, contact the office of the union.

TO ALL MEMBERS: How about cooperating with us for news items? If you have anything you know will be interesting to our members, be sure and bring your story in or give it to the business representative or your shop steward.

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Veterans Get
Dental Treatment

More than 36,000 California veterans received dental treatment valued at \$3,261,204 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, under the federal program to treat

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California

WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

Unions are throwing full support, at least morally, behind the movement for a new labor temple in Salinas, according to delegates to the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas. A check of delegates last week found none who opposed the new labor temple plan.

Representatives from Teamsters 890, Culinary 467, Laundry Workers 258, Plumbers 503, Tailor Clerks 859, and other organizations said union members had discussed the Labor Temple plan at regular meetings and were in favor.

A questionnaire has been sent to unions in regard to the proposed Labor Temple and a suggested site and some definite information is expected to be in the hands of the Labor Council soon.

In addition, speakers from the Council, including former President Bob Shinn and Delegate Harry, have addressed union meetings on the plan for a new temple.

A housing committee was created by the Labor Council last week, the committee including Al Harris, Randolph Fenchel and Fred Clayton.

Word was received from State, County and Municipal Employees Union 420 of Salinas that the union is disbanding. The Council was thanked for all past support.

Henceforth the mailed-out copies of official minutes of the Monterey County Central Labor Union will contain the names of delegates from the union to which mailed. This is for information of secretaries and so that unions may always have delegates at Council meetings by replacing those who do not attend regularly.

Quick work! Musicians Union 616 received a report at the Labor Council meeting recently that the Aero Club had non-union music. Delegate Sid Lewis left the meeting and then returned before adjournment to announce that the musicians were union members!

The Building Trades Committee has a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday of this week for the purpose of arranging regular meeting nights and electing officers.

eligible veterans for service-connected dental conditions, the Veterans Administration announced recently.

VA staff dentists treated 5,974 veterans while 30,377 were treated by private fee-basis dentists. Value of the VA staff treatments was \$299,347 while cost of the fee-basis dental work was \$2,861,857.

During the year VA staff dentists of the San Francisco Regional office completed treatment for 1,902 veterans, value of this work being \$151,836 while fee-basis dentists in the San Francisco regional area treated 15,848 at a cost of \$1,522,620.

Nationally, during the one year period 430,271 treatment cases were completed by fee-basis dentists and 83,382 in clinics located in VA regional offices. Private dentists were paid \$38,813,560 for this work, while a valuation of \$8,345,958 was placed on work done by VA staff dentists.

A total of 763,365 new claims for dental work was received during the year, which, added to a backlog of 324,048 at the beginning of the year, gave a work load of 1,087,413 claims. Of this total, 37 per cent or 405,523 were disallowed, cancelled or withdrawn, and 518,472 were authorized.

Cases disposed of during the year totalled 923,995 leaving a backlog on July 1, 1949, of 163,418 as against a backlog of 324,048 on July 1, 1948, a reduction of 50 per cent in the backlog.

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